



The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

July 2025



District Governor Ralph Imbrogno and his wife, Lion Patty



Happy 249th Birthday, America!



From the desk of **District Governor Ralph Imbrogno**

LION LEADERS HAVE MANY ATTRIBUTES...

A Lion leader is always full of praise. A leader learns to use the phrases “thank you and “please.” A Lion leader is always growing. A Lion leader launches forth before success is certain. A Lion leader is not afraid of confrontation.

A Lion leader talks about personal mistakes before talking about someone else’s. A Lion leader is a person of honesty and integrity. A Lion leader has a good name.

A Lion leader makes other Lions better. A Lion leader is quick to praise and encourage the smallest amount of improvement. A Lion leader is genuinely interested in others.

A Lion leader looks for opportunities to find someone doing something right. A Lion leader takes others up with them. A Lion leader responds to their failures and acknowledges them before others have to discover and reveal them.

A Lion leader is specific in what they expect. A Lion leader holds everyone accountable, starting with themselves. A Lion leader does what is right rather than what is popular. A Lion leader is a SERVANT and is always geared to help rescue those in need!! Together, Lion leaders and all the Lion Club members can be a powerful help in creating a better environment and community for people in need.

And always remember that leadership is the choices you make, not just a title.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER!!

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Lion Ralph Imbrogno

District Governor

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HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE RETINA SCREENING CAMERA PROJECT...

Congratulations and a great big...



TO ALL THE CLUBS WHO CAME THROUGH TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!

YOU'RE THE 14-Best!!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FOR FORTHCOMING IN THE AUGUST CAULDRON



MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
David Danielson	South Park Lions Club	Lion John Atkion
David M. Metz	South Park Lions Club	Lion Dave Scandrol
John L. Mead,	South Park Lions Club,	Lion Richard Hoover
Erika Lynn Bonacci,	West Mifflin Lions Club	Lion Rob Dem ko
Eddy Badinga-Vonga,	Whitehall Community Lions Club	PDG Mary Ann Belles
Erin E E Robinson	Bethel Park Lions Club	Lion Lora Spence
Toni Vitullo	Bethel Park Lions Club	Lion Lynn Sheahen
Nancy Grubb	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	Lion Helen Stratigos
Bernard Roberts	Mon River Fleet Lions Club	Lion Laura Jenkins
Janet R. Stifter	Oakmont Lions Club	Lion Paula Weiss
Mika L. Petrosky	Pitcairn Lions Club,	Lion George Burkhardt
Peggy A. Waltz	Pitcairn Lions Club	Lion Allison Waltz
Macenzie Kraft	Robinson Lions Club	Lion David K

Since July 1, 2024, here's what our District membership looks like from the Lion Portal...

July 1st 636 Members added 43 dropped 83 April 30 596

We are ranked 16th out of the 17 Districts, with District 14W beneath us.

You can always better your best. You don't know what you can do until you try. Nothing will come about if you don't go out on a limb, you're never going to get the fruit. There is no failure except in not trying.

White Oak Lions Club Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The White Oak Lions Club celebrated its 75th Charter night on June 1 at the American Legion Post 701 in White Oak. The Club's first meeting was March 22, 1950, with the first charter night celebrated on May 1, 1950. The event started with a brief social time, followed by a buffet lunch and the program.

There were 57 at the event, with 22 of them being members of the White Oak Lions. There were many guests in attendance: District Governor Mike Crossey, 1st VDG/DGE Ralph Imbrogno, PDGs Harold Fletcher, Rich & Mary Jane Keller, Kirby Marchand, Mary Ann Belles, Chris Raynak, Geoff Temple, and PCC Jay Wells. The McKeesport Lions Club, which sponsored the White Oak Club, was represented by six members and numerous members of the District Cabinet. White Oak Mayor, Ina Jean Martin, celebrated this anniversary with us.

The guest speaker was Leslie Przybylek, Senior Curator at the Heinz History Center. She informed everyone of the History Center and her connection with the Lions. She was a member of the All-State Lions band for two years when she was a teen.

The White Oak Lions Club would like to thank everyone who attended for making our celebration



Additional pictures
on the following page

WHITE OAK LIONS CLUB was sponsored by the McKeesport lions Club. It received its charter from District Governor Robert H. Chambers of McMurray, on May 1, 1950. The first President was Lion Harry M. Sellers, and the first Secretary was Lion Glenn W. Spencer. Secretary for many years was Lion James Milton Baker, a true Conservative, who did a lot to build the Club. Lion Parker W. Reed served as District Governor in 1962-63 and was Chairman of the State Convention in Pittsburgh in 1966. Several other White Oak members went on to serve as District Governor including Sylvan W. Lang, who served two terms in 1995-96 and again in 1998-99; Lion Richard D. Keller 2003-04, and his wife Mary Jane Keller in 2010-11. They are the first husband and wife to hold this position in the history of 14-B. Other members who served on the various Cabinets include Lions Richard Lofstrom, Raymond E. Haynes, Keith Frid, Frank C. Striffler, Lee Ruzanic, James Doonan, Maxine Lang, John Brown and Dorothy Kuharski..

Club history from "A Study in Service" by PDG Harold Fletcher 2015



Volunteers for the Mission of Mercy

As many of you may be aware, Mission of Mercy is a two day, free dental, vision & hearing clinic that serves patients in need each year. Dates for this year's event are October 24 & 25. All services provided are free of charge by local clinical professionals, and there are no eligibility or insurance requirements. Services at the clinic include:

DENTAL

- X-Rays
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Select Root Canals
- Select Extractions
- Limited partial dentures

VISION

- Visual Acuity Screenings
- Glasses Prescriptions
- Free Glasses

HEARING

- Hearing evaluations
- Free Hearing Aids
- Hearing Aid Fittings
- Batteries for Hearing Aids
- Access to Free Amplified or Captioned Phones
- Hearing Aid Troubleshooting and Repair
- Hearing Protection

Volunteers are needed not only for the event, but also beforehand to help set up for the event. Setup involves a ton of manual labor such as setting up computers, examination chairs, and screening equipment (and also lots and lots of fresh food for volunteers). If you would like to volunteer at the event, the most common role for new volunteers is as "ambassador". In that role, you bring a newly checked-in patient to their appropriate waiting area and get them squared away, along with answering questions. Dr. Evan Waxman, the Ophthalmologist behind the District 14B project to get a new retinal scanner into UPMC McKeesport Hospital is the fellow in charge of the vision care area at Mission of Mercy.

If you want to volunteer, please visit their website at: www.mompgh.org/volunteer. If you do volunteer, please be sure to let your club secretary know so that they can report your service hours on the LCI website!

*Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary
McKeesport Lions Club*

LIONS DISTRICT 14B

PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The morning of Friday, June 13, 2025, PDG Mary Ann Belles, King Lion Irene Hearn (PDBLC), Lion Barbara Rebovich (PDBLC), and Lion George Belles (WCLC) attended the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf's award ceremony and last day of school. We were very privileged to award 4 of the students with checks and certificates for their participation in the Peace Poster contest (2024-2025): PEACE WITHOUT ITS.

A \$100 check from District 14B B given to Adiel Rios was presented by PDG Mary Ann Belles for his poster sent to PA State Lions for consideration of advancing to the International Poster Contest. He received recognition with an Achievement certificate and another check from the Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions for \$50. Other students, Raelee Miller (absent), Isabella Weber, and Angela Foltz each received a check for \$15 and a Certificate of Appreciation for their entries. Lastly, both Principal Greg Mendenhall and Art Teacher Mrs. Jenna Barkey were given a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging their support of the students' Peace Posters and the Lions. I can hardly wait until next year's Peace Poster Contest.

Submitted by Lion Barb Rebovich



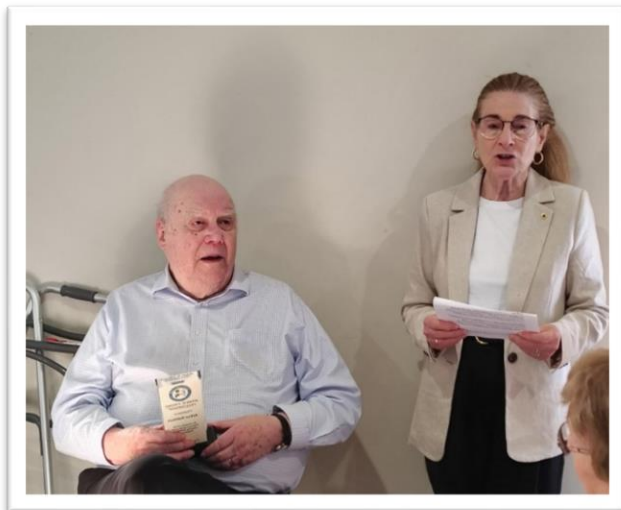
The Monroeville Lions Celebrate

The Monroeville Lions Club conducted their new officer Installation in conjunction with an end-of-the-year celebration. District Governor elect Ralph Imbrogno installed the officers for the upcoming Lions Year: Jan Zimmer as King Lion, PDG Chris Raynak 1st Vice President and Secretary, Lion John Vossen as 2nd Vice President, Lion Sean Raynak Treasurer, as well as Lion Roger Cottrell Tail Twister and Lion David Zimmer Lion Tamer.

Congratulations were given to Immediate Past President Michele Gutman for a successful year and leadership. Presentations of fellowships were made to deserving members. In addition to a Melvin Jones Fellowship made earlier in the year to Lion Melanie Hansen, the John Crone Fellowship was presented to Lion Art Rathbun for his 55 years of service, of which 54 were as the Sight Seals Campaign Chair. Lion Mary Raynak was honored with the WPLHF fellowship for her work with the recycled eyeglass collection and cleaning project. IPP Michele was presented with a plush dog and a Certificate for the club symbolically sponsoring a puppy training as a future Leader Dog. Congratulations all.



Lion Mary Raynak was presented with the WPLHF Fellowship by IPP Michele Gutman



IPP Michele Gutman presents Lion Art Rathbun with the PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation Fellowship.



As President for 2024-2025, Michele Gutman was presented a stuffed plush Dog and a certificate of sponsorship from Leader Dog based on a \$500 donation to this important Lions



Seated left to right: Club President Jody Shumaker, Michelle Pracko, standing left to right: Lion Tom Ceschini, Cathy Ferrera, joined other Lions from across District 14-B for an afternoon of fellowship at this years Spring Rally.

Tarentum Area Lions Present Scholarships\\



Club President Jody Shumaker and Lion Kielie Ciuchta presented two Highland seniors with a Scholarship Grant. Left to right: senior Eliot Vunora, Lion Kielie Ciuchia, Ali Shareer, Lion Club President Jody Shumaker.

Submitted by Lion Tom Ceschini, C



Happy Independence
Day America!
Enjoy the Day With
Positive Emotions and
Loving Company!

*Happy
Fourth of July*

Pitt sburgh DeafBlind Lions Club Holds Annual PASTA EVENT

The neighbors and Lions were very well attended the event.

We have heard wonderful things about the food and want to Thank everyone who supported our event. Lion Greg, once Again, he made a great Alfredo sauce for his fettuccine. My sister Bev also made a wonderful Marinara sauce. Thank you both for continuing to help with the food. Thank you to the members who supplied desserts, and to the Greek Catholic Union for the GoGive (\$250) Gift Card to help with expenses. Special Thanks to Dr. Don Beck and his wife, Phyllis, for monetary donations. And importantly, the PDBLC members who came to help out volunteered as cashiers, helping people with salads, bread, and with desserts, and more.

The proceeds will be distributed to local South Side Kids, Holy Mary Food Pantry, and local Lions Clubs organizations.

Submitted by Lion Barb Rebovich

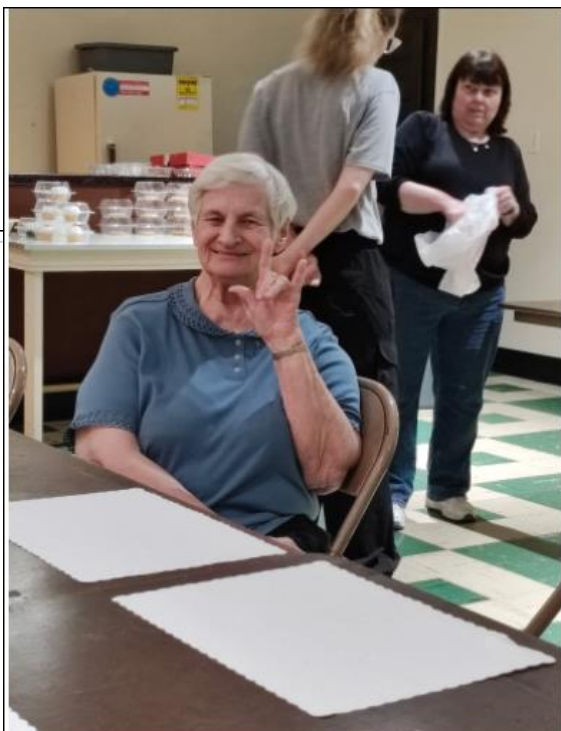


A local South Side Slopes friend of Lions Ben and Romeo, Catherine comes in for takeout dinner.

Isn't it Great to be a Lion!



Thank You DGE Ralph and Lion Patti for coming for takeout food. (especially since you



Thank you King Lion Irene, Lion Kristy and Lion Zandy for all help and support. And Lion Zandy, you can make me that Lemon Cake ANYTIME!! YUMMY!



Lion Zandy trying to organize our chaos and help with takeout.



Lion Romeo's son, "Roman" with his friend, Catherine. I see a future Lion in the about the next 18 years.



Looks slow but actually was busy off and on during the day. DGE Ralph waitir



Lion Greg helping out with sales and my sister Bev working to fill an order for customer cousin Eileen.



THURSDAY
AUGUST 14, 2025
STARTS AT t 6:00 PM

Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club

WINE

Tasting

Cost : \$50 Per Person

Family style diner which includes:

- Cheese platter
- Beef bourguignon
- Smashed potatoes
- Mushroom Risotto, and a
- Sweet Treat.
- All this paired with a wine definer.

*Please go online to reserve your seat at
Open Table*

All proceeds will go towards the
Clean Water Project



Daniel K. Carr
-Director, McKeesport Lions -
Summer Concerts Chairman



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2025 McKeesport Summer Concert Series*

June	8	No Bad JuJu
June	15	The Vogues
June	22	This Indecision - Classic Rock
June	29	Chain Reaction - Arena Rock
July	4	The New Pure Gold
-Followed by		FIREWORKS !
July	13	Pendulum - CCR Tribute
July	20	Scott, Rob and Greg from THE CLARKS
July	27	Rock This Town Orchestra
August	3	Dancing Queen
August	10	Dr. Zoot Island Band
August	17	Jeff Jimerson and Airborne
August	24	The Jaggerz
----McKeesport Rib Festival Labor Day Weekend----		
August 29		Beatlemania Magic
August 30		BB Steal -80's Rock
4 p.m. Band May Be Rescheduled		
August 31		Aftermath -Experience the 60's
4 p.m. Band May Be Rescheduled		
September 1		The Booze Brothers
-Followed by		FIREWORKS !
4 p.m. Band May Be Rescheduled		

LIONS BANDSHELL – RENZIE PARK – 7 P.M. START TIME
Follow WWW.MCKEESPORTBANDS and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mckeesportbands)

for Cancellations, Changes, Additions or More Information

***Concerts are provided by The City of McKeesport, RAD
and The McKeesport Lions Club**



Oakmont Lions Club Continues p Grow!

Janet Stifter, Paula Weiss,
sponsor, Vice President Molly
Hayes.



Oakmont Lions Good Time
Band opened its season at
the 2025 Memorial Day
ceremony.

The band membership is
15 strong and having a
roaring good time! Check
out our Facebook page for
events.



Pleasant Hills Lions hold Successful “Burgers in the Park”



Burger in the Park Chairperson
Thea Banjac and PDG Geoff



Lion Paula Siers-Burns with
PDG Chris Raynak



Lion Janet Hayes is
grilling the burgers



Lion Gibson with King Lion
Bruce Altemus



Lion Shelby Yurek

Over a three-day period, the Pleasant Hills Lions Club held two successful events at Mowry Park in Pleasant Hills. The first one was the second annual Burgers in the Park fundraiser. Lions served burgers, hot dogs, chips, and

drinks. Baked goods were available. Many thanks to Lion Thea Banjac for chairing and Lion Janet Hayes for co-chairing this event, as well as all the members who helped. Among those in attendance were DGE Ralph and Lion Patty Imbrogno, as well as PDG Mary Ann and Lion George Belles and other Lions. We thank both couples for their support. All in all, Burgers in the Park was a very enjoyable event.

The second event was the end of the Lions' year cookout for members and guests. Prior to eating, we presented two awards to deserving members. The first presentation was the Pennsylvania Counsellors Distinguished Service Award, which was given to Lion Paula Siers-Burns. The presentation was made by Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson, PDG Chris Raynak, who was in attendance along with his partner in service, Lion Mary. The second award, which was a Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship, was presented to Lion Shannon Gibson and was presented to her by WPLHF president, PDG Geoff Temple. The next officers were also installed.

Submitted by PDG Geoff Temple, Secretary



52nd Annual District 14-E Knights of the Blind Open

PDG Tom Gregg
1130 Willowbrook Road
Rostraver Twp., PA 15012
(412) 676-0708
tomgregg1@verizon.net



Glengarry Golf Links
166 Lentz Road
Latrobe, PA 15650
(724) 423-4653
www.golfglengarry.com

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Registration 1:00 PM

Shotgun Start: 2:00 PM

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE \$10!

Registration must be received by July 21, 2025 and all forms must include payment. No Exceptions and no onsite registration payments will be accepted.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Green Fee and Cart, Snacks, Free Beer/Soft Drinks, Sandwich at turn, Skill Prizes, Souvenir Gift, and Dinner.
Please note that the amenities included with your registration is subject to change due to restrictions or other unforeseen circumstances.

REGISTRATION FORM

\$100.00 per player for registrations post-marked by June 28, 2025.

\$110.00 per player for registrations post-marked between June 29 and July 21, 2025.

Dinner only is \$25.00

Make check payable to "District 14-E Lions."

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

TEAM MEMBERS (please indicate if anyone wants their dinner to go):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Submit Registration Form and Checks to:

PDG Tom Gregg
1130 Willowbrook Road
Rostraver Township, PA 15012



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SPONSORSHIP FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

SPONSORSHIP	BENEFITS	COST	SELECT HERE
Diamond Level	Registration for 2 golfers, tee sign, full-page program ad, and recognition during dinner	\$1,000.00	
Gold Level	Tee sign, full-page ad, and recognition during dinner	\$500.00	
Silver Level	Tee sign	\$150.00	
Bronze Level	Beverage cart sponsor	\$75.00	
Individual Level	Golf cart sponsor (not available for clubs or businesses)	\$50.00	
Program Ads:	Full-page Half-Page Quarter-Page Patron	\$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$2.00/name	

All sponsorship information and artwork must be turned in by no later than **July 18, 2024**. Make checks payable to "**District 14-E Lions**" and put "**2025 KOTB Ad**" in memo line. Please return this form and forward any artwork to be used on either the signage or in the program ad to:

PDG Robert Mesher
441 ~~Gallitin~~ Road
Rostraver Township, PA 15012

Send payment to:
PDG Robert Mesher
441 ~~Gallitin~~ Road
Rostraver Township, PA 15012

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



